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THE PETITION

OF KNIGHTS, IVSTICES OF

Peace, Ministers, Gentlemen, Free-holders,

and others, Inhabitants of the County of Salop, to the

number of 10000. Presented to the Commons House of

Parliament upon Munday the 7. of March 1641.

S H E W E T H,



That whereas wee had great Hopes, to be freed from those many Pressures we have long felt (which are clearly set forth in the late Remonstrance of this Honourable House) by Your continued paines, and care for the Common-Well-tare of the Church, and State. That as, We, so all that are well affected, cannot but deeme the same worthy of perpetuall, and gratefull Memory: Yet to our great greife, We finde that Your endeavours, and our hopes, have been hitherto frustrated; which We humbly conceive, hath cheifly proceeded from the voting of the Popish Lords, and Bishops, till of late in the House of Peeres: and although your Petitioners, are burthened with diverse Miseries, and Feares of eminent dangers at home, yet *Irelands* distresses, and unparralleld Calamities, as yet unremedied, make an addition thereunto, and both these are augmented by the mischeivous Plots, whereby the Popish, and Malignant party daily attempt to keepe us, and them in this sad condition; who having left no meanes unassay'd to involve the Kingdome, in deepe and desperated dangers, as a principall meanes to effect their purposes, have much retarded the proceedings of Parliament, and by an un-exampled way, attempted the violation of the Priviledges, yea, the very being of Parliaments: by reason whereof, the Rebels in *Ireland* have been encouraged to goe on in their Barbarous, and Bloody designs: Trading and Commerce is decay'd, the prizes of such things wherein the liveli-hoods of many of your Petitioners depend, very much abated, and themselves thereby disinabled for a cheerfull supply of such publique charges, which for the future, the necessities of the State may require, and besides, the Kingdomes may be exposed to Foraigne invasions, and your Petitioners to the mercy of the Popish party, the sense and serious consideration wherof imboldens us to Supplicant this Honourable Assembly.

That you would bee pleased to perseuere in your indeavours to out the Popish Lords, as the Bishops are already from voting in the House of Peeres. That Speedy and powerfull ayds may be sent to our protestant Breshren in Ireland, and the Plotts of the Popish and malignant Party in this Kingdom prevented by assuring the Priviledges of Parliament (our Common and best birth right) from future attempts, Delinquents brought to publike and exemplary punishment, and the whole Kingdome so secured that your Petitioners may (voyd of feare) imploy themselves in their severall professions. And your Petitioners shal ever pray for the happy successe of this Parliament, being ready to engage their lives and fortunes in the defence of the true Protestant Religion, his Majesties royall Person and Honour, and the Priviledges of Parliament, according to their late Protestation.

Presented March the 7. with good acceptation.

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